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## EDITORIAL

The Roswell Register-Tribune voices the sentiment of the entire rank and file of the republican party in the territory in the following editorial which it heads "The Last Word." The republican party of the territory was never in better fighting trim. The party of progress and integrity was never more clearly in the saddle, and never more fully had the situation in hand. The slight differences of opinion manifested among a few of the would-be leaders of factions will be soon lost sight of, and the rule of a masterly hand will make straight all the minor tangles which now seem apparent. The Register-Tribune has but little patience with the prophets who are predicting all sorts of calamities to the republican party, growing out of the retirement of ex-Governor H. J. Hagerman. The presumption that the future life of the party is wound around the destiny of any one man is too idle for serious discussion. For half a century the republican party, with only a few breaks, has been directing the affairs of New Mexico, and it has done it wisely and well, so wisely and well that the party is based upon a foundation as eternal as the mountains, upon which the personal element can have no effect whatever. In the perpetuity and prosperity of the party and by direct connection of the territory, it would make no difference in the ultimate results if such men as H. O. Bursum and H. J. Hagerman never lived. The mass of the party realize this and they are tired of the exaggerated defense and assailment of both. Mr. Bursum is waiting and is said to be ready to prove or disprove charges, and pending the result thereof, he stands on exactly the same footing as any other republican. Mr. Hagerman, after a series of well intentioned though certainly egregious blunders, has been removed from office. Both have a right to their loyal champions and nobody begrudges them such support, but it is time there was an estoppel of the calamity howlers. The republican party is greater than a dozen of both, and will continue to control the destinies of New Mexico, simply because the people have a well justified faith in it. In the party itself there is and has been no split, though leaders have disagreed, and the rank and file of the party are turning with an insistent demand to the good of the whole rather than the dinning of the grievances of any one or two men, who are referred with their troubles to the nearest policeman. New Mexico will continue to thrive under the administration of George Curry, a republican and an honest man, appointed by President Roosevelt, the great republican and an honest man, the republican party has great labors ahead of it, and it is time that personal politics were shelved for good.

In closing discussion of the incident it were well to quote from the Lordsburg Liberal, the editor of which is one of the best posted men in New Mexico, and who has digested the situation with exact fidelity. He says: Last week at the request of the President, Governor Hagerman resigned, and George Curry was appointed in his place. Governor Hagerman has been the executive of the territory for little more than a year, and did not prove to be the expert politician needed in that position. It was claimed there was a good deal of crookedness in the territory and Governor Hagerman was expected to clean it up. He started in on the work and his effort was not very successful. He called for the resignation of Superintendent Bursum, of the penitentiary, and then put a bunch of experts to work on the books of that institution. The experts made an extended report, and no two men could agree as to the standing of Mr. Bursum, some thinking that he owed the penitentiary thousands of dollars, while other extremists, after carefully studying the report, claimed it showed the territory in debt to Mr. Bursum. Naturally Mr. Bursum and his friends were hot and the scrap began. The fight has been kept up ever since, and it finally degenerated into a personal scrap, with the governor leading one faction and Mr. Bursum the other. Nearly every leader in the territory was enlisted on one side or the other in the scrap, and only those

kept out of it who were so far away from political headquarters that they could not keep up with the procession. There is no doubt but Governor Hagerman is entirely honest, and had the best of intentions, but he did not have the executive ability to handle the situation. President Roosevelt is one of the most expert politicians in the world, and he appreciated the situation could be handled without splitting the party wide open; that he could put a man in as governor who could harmonize the party, and also separate the grafters from the graft, so he had Hagerman resign, and put George Curry in. Mr. Curry has spent most of his life in New Mexico, and is thoroughly acquainted with the territory and its people. He has served as sheriff and been a member of the council. He is a man of great executive ability, and has had enough experience as governor in the Philippines, so that he has learned the trade, and undoubtedly, will produce satisfactory results in New Mexico. The territory will know it has a governor.

Western civilization is startled by the revelations of the inner workings of the police court of Denver, as revealed in the murder trial of Ben C. Wright, last week. Police practices are not much different in Denver than they are in other towns. The larger the town the more absolute the monarchy, of course, but there are practices common in every town, which would, if made public, make the American blood boil at the injustices of the department which should be the personification of fairness and the exemplification of honesty. The common practices of police hold-ups, the iniquitous "sweat-box" and the numerous inhuman and unfair practices of the police and of the Pinkertons, should be fully exposed, and if public sentiment will do the rest. The following editorial from the Pueblo Chieftain handles the Wright case in a masterly manner, and should be read with interest by all who are interested in fairness and common decency. The Chieftain says:

"The outcome of the Wright case in Denver is a peculiar one, and the whole affair is worthy of more than the usual passing attention given to such matters. 'Wright, it will be remembered by newspaper readers, is the man whose wife and child were found dead in the house where he was also found in a stupefied condition. There was some reason for believing that Wright wished to get rid of his wife on account of an entanglement with another woman, and a short time after the tragedy the Denver police announced that they had secured a confession from their prisoner.

"When the case was brought to trial last Wednesday, the evidence established beyond doubt that the deaths were due to suffocation from a gas stove that was burning in the house at the time, and that the husband and father could not possibly have killed them in the manner charged against him.

"Further it was disclosed that the 'confession' obtained from Wright by the police was the result of torture by beating, carried to such an extreme that the prisoner was actually in danger of death, and this torture was inflicted by the city officials for the purpose of compelling a confession of murder from an innocent man.

"As a result of this beating, inflicted by the police, the prisoner did admit killing his wife, but he was unable after renewed beatings, to furnish the name of the imaginary poison by which the fictitious crime had been committed.

"Special emphasis is placed by the Denver newspapers upon the fact that the chief of Denver's police force, who is said to have been largely instrumental in securing the confession, was not present in the city at the time of Wright's trial, and no effort was made to authenticate the confession, or to defend the police from the accusations made against them.

"It is to be hoped that the Wright case will not be allowed to fade out of the public mind without something being done to secure a reform of the abuses of police power that are a disgrace to American cities where they are practiced. The Chieftain does not believe in sentimentality, and we fully appreciate the difficulties which the police authorities find in securing the results that are expected of them.

But it is clearly evident that in a case like this, where an innocent man is beaten nearly to death for the purpose of bringing him to a point of confession to the murder of his own wife and child, in order to secure relief from the pain that is being inflicted upon him, we have passed far beyond the limit of the proper exercise of police power.

"The universal public disapproval that must follow such an act of cruelty, and the inevitable loss of public position are not an adequate punishment for one who has thus abused the power committed to him. There ought to be some penalty of fine and imprisonment for such an act and some compensation too to the victim."

### DELIGHTFUL REST

Governor Hagerman's resignation has been officially accepted and Captain George Curry the newly appointed governor is on his way to New Mexico. A man who has stuck to the hurricane deck of a bucking bronco, branded calves with one hand and kept the old cow off with the other, charged up San Juan hill, hunted bear and buffalo, sat in the council of this territory, fought Moros and held down the Samar Islands, will find it a delightful rest to sit on the lid at Santa Fe. Being governor of New Mexico for such a man will be dead easy. Those who know Governor Curry say that no one will tell him where to head into and make it stick. —McKinley County Republican.

### FRANKNESS AND KEEPING OUT OF PRINT

Almost Poe-like in its cleverness was the idea of Miss Ellen Terry in getting a newspaper reporter to tie the knot that made her the wife of her leading man, James Carewe, and then pledging the reporter to keep the secret two weeks.

Such astuteness recalls Poe's "The Purloined Letter" in which Dupin, the detective, elucidates the theory that the best way to conceal anything is to post it in plain view. If Miss Terry had tried the expedient of dodging the reporters, how quickly would she have been trapped, and how speedily would her marriage have been blazoned to the world. But the great actress had learned the ways of the craft, evidently, in her years of stage life. She knew that a newspaper man's word is as good as a wealthier man's bond, and consequently she hunted up a reporter who was also a justice of the peace, and after events proved that her plan was right in theory, for the news was not given out until she was safely on the sea.

Behind the scenes of the newspaper profession there are many cases in which confidence has been reposed in the men of the press and has never been violated. Let a public man say something that he would not care to see in print coupled with his own name, and he has but to tell the newspaper man that his talk is to be held in confidence. The members of the craft respect the man who makes such an injunction plain—but woe to him who talks for publication, and then, frightened at the row he has stirred up, claims he has been misunderstood or that his confidence has been violated!

The newspaper man is in a peculiar position, as regards the public. Manifestly it will not do for him to print all he knows. There are many "stories" that would do much harm and not a bit of good to anybody, and that are much better left out of print. In such cases the newspaper man seldom gets a word of thanks, though he seeks no reward for doing what he feels to be the right and just thing. But he does object when the criticism is made that the men of the press can keep no confidences, and that their sole desire is to rush things into print, no matter what the resulting harm.

The surest way to keep anything out of the newspaper is not to try to dodge, bully, or bribe the craftsman, but to convince him that it is a matter of public policy to refrain from making a "story" out of the matter in hand. A little frankness goes farther perhaps, with the newspaper fraternity than with any other craft. —Denver Republican.

It is reported that the Sears, Roebuck company, of Chicago, has discontinued its grocery department, and it is also said that this discontinuance was caused by the pure food law, here is food for reflection. One thing is sure, no matter what our people feel called upon to send away for, groceries surely need not be in their list, for our stores carry fine goods at most reasonable prices.

The Raton Reporter of Saturday, May 11, appeared in enlarged form, and was a very creditable issue. It contained a large amount of local advertising and some excellent half-tones of some of our well known citizens. We congratulate its enterprising publisher on the fine appearance of the paper.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

—OF THE—  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY CO.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO  
Office of the Secretary  
CERTIFICATE OF COMPARISON

I, J. W. Reynolds, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify that there was filed for record in this office at nine o'clock A. M., on the 29th day of April, A. D., 1907.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY COMPANY  
(No. 4904.)

and also that I have compared the following copy of the same, with the original now on file, and declare it to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico, at the City of Santa Fe, the Capital, on this 29th day of April, A. D., 1907.

(Seal) J. W. REYNOLDS,  
Secretary of New Mexico.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY COMPANY

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, do hereby associate ourselves together into a corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the Territory of New Mexico and do hereby certify and declare:

FIRST.  
The name of the corporation is "ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY COMPANY."

SECOND  
The location of its principal office in the Territory of New Mexico is at the town of Cimarron, in the county of Colfax and the name of the agent therein and in charge thereof on whom process may be served is Frederic Whitney.

THIRD  
The objects for which the corporation is formed, are:

To construct, acquire and operate packing houses, ice plants, cold storage and other warehouses, to establish and maintain meat markets, to buy and sell and deal in meats, packing house products, cattle, hogs, sheep, grain, hay, fruit, vegetables and all other products, merchandise and supplies in the Territory of New Mexico and elsewhere; to borrow money and issue its negotiable obligations therefor and to mortgage its property to secure the payment thereof; to acquire by purchase, subscription or otherwise and to hold, sell, transfer, pledge, assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of bonds, evidences of indebtedness, securities or shares of capital stock of other corporations or associations organized under the laws of the Territory of New Mexico or of any other territory, state or country, and while owner of such stock and securities to exercise all the rights of ownership including the right to vote thereon; to do whatever may be necessary or proper in carrying on its business in all its branches and unlimitedly to acquire, hold, use, enjoy, lease, mortgage, sell or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every description in the Territory of New Mexico and elsewhere.

FOURTH  
The amount of the authorized capital stock of the corporation is \$100,000.00; divided into 1,000 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each. The amount of capital with which it will commence business is \$2,000.00.

FIFTH  
The names and post office addresses of the incorporators and the number of shares subscribed for by each, the aggregate of such subscriptions being the amount of capital stock with which the corporation will commence business, are as follows:

Name Shares  
H. M. Letts, Cimarron, N. M. .... 6  
Charles Springer, Cimarron, N. M. 13  
Frederic Whitney, Cimarron, N. M. 1

SIXTH  
The period limited for the duration of the corporation is fifty years.

SEVENTH  
The Directors of the corporation may hold meetings at such places within or without the territory as they may deem necessary and proper.

The Directors may make, alter, amend or repeal by-laws, but by-laws so made, altered, amended or repealed may be altered, amended, repealed or restored by a vote of two-thirds in interest of the stockholders at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 26 day of April, A. D., 1907.  
(Seal) H. M. LETTS  
(Seal) CHARLES SPRINGER  
(Seal) FREDERIC WHITNEY.

Territory of New Mexico,  
County of Colfax, ss.  
On this the 26th day of April, A. D.,

1907, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared H. M. Letts, Charles Springer, and Frederic Whitney, to me personally known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal Notarial the day and year last above written.

FRANK A. HAIMBAUGH,  
(Seal) Notary Public.

Endorsed: No. 4904. Cor. Rec'd. Vol. 5, Page 463. Articles of Incorporation of Rocky Mountain Supply Company.  
Filed in Office of Secretary of New Mexico, Apr. 29, 1907, 9 a. m.  
J. W. REYNOLDS, Secretary.

Territory of New Mexico,  
County of Colfax, ss.

This instrument of writing was filed for record on the 6th day of May, A. D., 1907, at 9 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded in Book L of Miscellaneous, Page 429.

E. G. TWITTY,  
Clerk of the Probate Court and ex-officio County Recorder.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO  
Office of the Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF COMPARISON  
I, J. W. Reynolds, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify that there was filed for record in this office at nine o'clock A. M., on the 29th day of April, A. D., 1907.

CERTIFICATE OF NON-LIABILITY OF STOCKHOLDERS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY COMPANY  
(No. 4905.)

and also that I have compared the following copy of the same, with the original now on file, and declare it to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico, at the City of Santa Fe, the Capital, on this 29th day of April, A. D., 1907.

(Seal) J. W. REYNOLDS,  
Secretary of New Mexico.

CERTIFICATE OF NON-LIABILITY OF STOCKHOLDERS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY COMPANY

We the undersigned incorporators of Rocky Mountain Supply Company, a corporation organized under the provisions of the laws of the Territory of New Mexico, desiring to limit the liability of stockholders of said corporation, as provided by law, do hereby certify and declare:

FIRST.  
There shall be no stockholders liability on account of any stock issued by said Rocky Mountain Supply Company.

SECOND  
The principal office of said corporation is located in the town of Cimarron, in the County of Colfax and Territory of New Mexico, and the name of the agent therein and in charge thereof on whom process may be served is Frederic Whitney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 26th day of April, A. D., 1907.

(Seal) H. M. LETTS,  
(Seal) CHARLES SPRINGER  
(Seal) FREDERIC WHITNEY.

Territory of New Mexico,  
County of Colfax, ss.

On this the 26 day of April, A. D., 1907, before me a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared H. M. Letts, Charles Springer, and Frederic Whitney, to me personally known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Certificate of Non-Liability and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal Notarial the day and year last above written.

FRANK A. HAIMBAUGH,  
(Seal) Notary Public.

Endorsed: No. 4905. Cor. Rec'd. Vol. 5, Page 463. Cert. of STOCKHOLDERS NON-LIABILITY OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY COMPANY.

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